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Applicant: Hannu Juhani Leino et al.

Serial No.: 09/445,710

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Title: A PROCESS FOR STABILIZING THE pH OF A PULP
SUSPENSION AND FOR PRODUCING PAPER FROM THE
STABILIZED PULP

Examiner: Steve Alvo

Docket No.: 32107

AMENDMENT "C"

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office action dated June 24, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response to the Office action expired September 24, 2002. Applicant therefore petitions for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office action, up to and including December 24, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee for the three-month extension of time for a large entity. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

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